



CAMPION HALL
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Campion Hall is the Jesuit Hall in Oxford for graduate students and researchers, combining two of the world's great educational and intellectual traditions, those of the Society of Jesus and the University of Oxford. We seek to hold together the high academic standards of Oxford with Jesuit educational philosophy, to provide a unique environment for learning that nourishes the heart and soul as well as the mind.

The Hall is one of four Permanent Private Halls at the University of Oxford. Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1896, the Hall is now a welcoming home to an international and diverse community of graduate students, fellows, and staff who share the motivation to cultivate wisdom for the common good through transformative learning, research, and engagement.

We welcome postgraduate students working in many different fields, and our resources are especially suited to students in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Laudato Si' Research Institute, which engages in research addressing the global socio-ecological crisis, is based at the Hall.

Message from the Master

During your time here, Campion Hall will become another home for you. As a small, international graduate community, you will find us to be friendly and welcoming to everyone. We pride ourselves on being one of the most egalitarian of all the Colleges and Halls, as you will find yourself sitting next to fellows and students at mealtimes and in the Common Room. You will get to know members of the Jesuit community, and be free to share in their spirituality and the Hall's liturgical life. Academically, the Hall has a rich programme of academic events and always-lively interdisciplinary conversations. Even by Oxford standards, Campion Hall is a beautiful place with a rich tradition: a historic building, in a peaceful place yet in the heart of Oxford, adorned by a rich and fascinating art collection. The Jesuit, Catholic tradition of education sees learning at the service of the flourishing of the whole person and of the common good. We welcome students who are looking to grow through their studies and who hope to make a contribution to the greater good.

“It is always a delight to welcome students to the Hall and to see them grow and flourish. I warmly invite you to consider choosing Campion Hall as a supportive, vibrant, and enjoyable ‘home from home’ as a student at the University of Oxford.”

Rev'd Dr Nick Austin SJ



Academic Subjects

Campion Hall accepts applicants from a wide variety of disciplines. Our resources are well suited to students in the Humanities and Social Sciences; we regularly admit students working on theological, philosophical, ecological, political, ethical, and other topics that contribute to the understanding and promotion of human flourishing. For more information about the University of Oxford courses for which we admit, please contact the Senior Tutor.

Message from the Senior Tutor

I'm always delighted to hear from prospective students interested in exploring whether the Hall's distinctive environment is right for them. We're committed to supporting applicants from all backgrounds and with a wide variety of interests as they discern next steps and plan for further study. I aim to help candidates navigate through the University's application processes and funding options.

Having had experience of various different roles in Oxford, I've found Campion Hall to be an exceptionally warm and supportive community with a strong sense of purpose at its heart, inspired and sustained by its Jesuit traditions and the ongoing presence of Jesuits here. The size of the Hall helps to foster real community: this is a place where students find a home, and are known by name. We seek to cultivate an environment that is conducive to rigorous research and intellectual conversation, but also where members attend to each other's interests and concerns with patience and respectful care, and grow in hopeful vision for a world in which justice, reconciliation, and compassion flourish.



"I welcome enquiries from prospective applicants and always offer a conversation about their plans. We seek to support candidates through the admission process."

Dr Sarah Apetrei, Senior Tutor
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Meet our Students

What led you to apply to Campion Hall?

I first visited Campion Hall in November of 2023, and was blown away, both by the atmosphere of hospitality and by the beauty, and the peaceful nature of a place so paradoxically positioned in central Oxford. When I was given the opportunity to study my master's here, I was absolutely delighted, and it has been fantastic to get to know everybody at Campion Hall, and a pleasure to serve as MCR President too. My studies revolve around different real world ethical issues. I've been really enjoying the course, it deals with some very difficult, but highly salient and important topics, and it's giving me the time to develop my skills, and plan for PhD applications.

*James Forsdyke,
MSt Practical
Ethics, UK*



What social activities are offered to graduate students?

At Campion Hall, we take pride in our lively and welcoming MCR community. Our term card staples include film nights, formal MCR dinners, and formal exchanges with other colleges. We also organise some more seasonal events, such as Secret Santa in Michaelmas, winter wine and cheese in Hilary, and garden barbecues in Trinity. The MCR community is fairly small, but this creates a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere where it's easy to get to know everyone. Whether you're new to Oxford or returning for another year, there's always something to look forward to and people to enjoy it with.

*Maisie Dixon-Coyte, MSt
Music, UK*



How would you describe community life at Campion Hall?

Community life is a vital part of my experience at Campion Hall. Research and graduate studies can often feel isolating, but the community here provides me with a strong sense of belonging. Whether praying together, sharing meals, or socialising through indoor games, walks, and movie evenings, I value these activities because they allow me to connect with others in meaningful ways. This community feels like home and genuinely reflects the idea that the pursuit of truth through intellectual engagement is a shared endeavour.

*Mayamiko Kachipapa, SJ,
MSt Theology, Malawi*



How have you found the experience of studying and researching at the Hall?

Studying and researching at Campion Hall has been a complete joy thus far. Generous support from Hall fellows and staff, together with a well-stocked library, handsome building and tranquil atmosphere make Campion incredibly conducive to study. The egalitarian and convivial atmosphere enables a high quality of conversation. A lively round of in-house seminars, lectures and discussions complements those offered in Oxford more broadly. The only possible complaint is that of being spoiled for choice!

*Alexander Bailey, MPhil
Theology (Patristics), UK*



What do you think is most distinctive about student life at Campion Hall?

Student life at Campion Hall is distinctly shaped by its close-knit community. It's a place where people connect with passion and care, where conversations run deeper, and where friendships grow beyond academics. Here, every individual is truly valued and encouraged to grow. To me, the Hall feels like home: nestled in the heart of town, yet set apart by the strong bonds we share. The warmth of this community inspires me every day, creating a space where I feel supported and motivated. Life at Campion is not only intellectually enriching, but also deeply personal, fulfilling, and meaningful in every way.

*Charlotte Shiah, MSt
History of Art, China*



What do you enjoy about being at Campion Hall?

What I most enjoy is the community. Since Campion is such a small hall, everybody knows each other. The support the Hall offers, then, feels individualised and personal; I feel that I'm seen and known not just as one student amongst many but as a valued member of the Hall. I also like that students are treated as full members of the community and there is not too much separation between students, fellows and other researchers.

*Maikki Aakko, DPhil Theology and Religion,
Finland*



What advice would you give to prospective applicants?

The Hall uniquely blends intellectual rigor with genuine warmth and supportive community life. Coming from Azerbaijan, I was excited to immerse myself in the academic and cultural life at Oxford, and Campion Hall's diverse and welcoming environment made that transition both smooth and uplifting. Each interaction at Campion Hall deeply shapes your personal growth and academic exploration, transforming your Oxford experience into a truly unforgettable journey.

*Javahir Alakbarli, MSc Migration Studies,
Azerbaijan*



What led you to apply to Campion Hall?

I was drawn to Campion Hall because it is a classic Oxford college with a caring community feel that offers a unique experience. Being located in the heart of Oxford is extremely useful and the site itself has exceptional facilities for both part-time and full-time students. The students at Campion Hall come from a diverse range of backgrounds and can join the Jesuit community for meals, worship, academic discussion, fellowship and socialising. Campion is my family in Oxford. We live together, we eat together, and we support and respect each other.

*Sara Farnworth, MSc Applied Landscape
Archaeology, USA/UK*



How to Apply

All applications are made to the University of Oxford centrally (for more information see the University's Graduate Admissions webpages). If a department or faculty accepts your application, you will then be considered for a place at a college or hall. If you are interested in coming to Campion Hall, you will have the opportunity to choose Campion Hall as your preference on your application form.

As admission is competitive and the process can take time, we strongly encourage you to establish deadlines and begin preparing your application early on. Most courses at the University of Oxford have November, January, and March deadlines, and typically, to be considered for scholarships, it is necessary to submit before the January deadline. We advise you to check the relevant course and scholarship pages directly.



To find out more about the application process, see:

www.campion.ox.ac.uk/application-process

For enquiries, please contact:
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“The Laudato Si’ research institute can provide resources and support for students working in a transdisciplinary way from theology and religious studies, natural sciences, social sciences as well as other humanities traditions. Students interested in tackling big questions arising from the socio-ecological crisis, including the ethical, theological, philosophical and religious dimensions, will find Campion hall a good base for their studies.”

Professor Celia Deane-Drummond, Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Laudato Si’ Research Institute
<https://lsri.campion.ox.ac.uk>



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply to Campion Hall?

We welcome women and men from all backgrounds who wish to read for a postgraduate degree in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Oxford. A strong undergraduate degree in a relevant subject is essential for admission to all of Oxford's postgraduate programmes, but beyond this the requirements vary by course. If you think Campion Hall might be a good environment for your study and would like to know more, please do contact the Senior Tutor (sarah.apetrei@campion.ox.ac.uk).

What is a Permanent Private Hall? How does it differ from a regular college?

The University of Oxford has 43 colleges and halls. The four Permanent Private Halls (PPHs) were founded by various Christian denominations and still retain their religious character. Members of Campion Hall enjoy the same academic experience as graduates of other colleges, and the familial size of the community allows for conversation and sociability among researchers at all stages of development. Additional cultural and sporting activities may be accessed through our Associate MCR Membership scheme with Pembroke College, our nearest neighbour.

Is there any accommodation available for students?

Students are offered the opportunity to apply for onsite accommodation, usually in one of the one-bedroom flats near the Hall at Norfolk House, for the duration of their study. They are not, however, required to live onsite if they wish to make their own arrangements, and non-resident students are invited to participate fully in Hall life.

What are the meals like at Campion Hall?

All students are welcome to have meals in the dining hall on a regular basis, at no additional cost. The food is healthy and varied, with accommodation made wherever possible for restricted diets. There are weekly dinners to which guests may be invited, and termly formal dinners, as well as special MCR events.

Is there any financial support available from the Hall?

The Hall offers the opportunity to apply both for small bursaries for those facing unforeseen financial hardship, and for grants for activities related to their research and formation which support their flourishing and professional development during their studies.



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“Doing the truth in love”



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community seeking wisdom for
the common good.

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